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LISTING OF CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

1-41. (Cancelled)

42. (Currently Amended) A method comprising:

processing said primary document in a computer system to locate an un-selected indicator;

identifying a secondary document associated with said located un-selected indicator by said computer system; and

attaching said secondary document to said primary document to encapsulate said secondary document within said primary document.

43. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 42, wherein said unselected indicator includes at least one word, and wherein said identifying said secondary document is performed as a function of said at least one word.

44. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 42, wherein said unselected indicator includes a plurality of words, and wherein said identifying said secondary document is performed as a function of said plurality of words within a

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predetermined proximity of said un-selected indicator included in said plurality of words.

45. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 42, further comprising:
associating a predetermined word with at least one of a filename and a location of
said secondary document,
wherein said primary document includes said predetermined word, and wherein
identifying at least one of said filename and said location of said secondary document is
performed as a function of said predetermined word.

46. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 42, wherein said un-
selected indicator includes at least one of a plurality of predetermined words, a plurality
of predetermined characters, and a plurality of predetermined phrases.

47. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 42, wherein processing
said primary document to locate said un-selected indicator is performed using syntactic
processing.

48. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 42, wherein said primary
document includes an e-mail message.

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49. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 48, further comprising sending said e-mail message and said secondary document attached thereto to a recipient via a communications device.

50. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 42, further comprising sending said primary document and said secondary document attached thereto to a printing device.

51. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 42, further comprising sending said primary document and said secondary document attached thereto to a recipient via facsimile.

52. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 42, wherein said secondary document is attached to said primary document at a first instance, said first instance being determined as a function of user input.

53. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 42, further comprising adding at least one additional indicator to said un-selected indicator as a function of a user input.

54. (Previously presented) The method of claim 42, wherein said identifying said secondary document comprises using natural language processing techniques.

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55. (Previously presented) The method of claim 54, wherein said using natural language processing techniques comprises at least one of:

using word association processing; and

using probability matching.

56. (Previously presented) A document preparation system, comprising:

a first storage device to store said primary document;

a second storage device to store a secondary document;

a third storage device to store an indicator; and

a processor coupled to said first storage device, said second storage device and said third storage device, said processor to process said primary document to locate an un-selected indicator, identify said secondary document associated with said located un-selected indicator, and attach said secondary document to said primary document to encapsulate said secondary document within said primary document.

57. (Previously presented) The system according to claim 56, wherein said secondary document has a filename and a location, wherein said primary document includes at least one word, and wherein said processor determines at least one of said filename and said location of said secondary document as a function of at least one of a user input and said at least one word.

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58. (Previously presented) The system according to claim 57, wherein a predetermined word is associated with at least one of said filename and said location of said secondary document, wherein said primary document includes said predetermined word, and wherein said processor identifies at least one of said filename and said location of said secondary document as a function of said predetermined word.

59. (Previously presented) The system according to claim 56, wherein said un-selected indicator includes at least one of a plurality of predetermined words, a plurality of predetermined characters, and a plurality of predetermined phrases.

60. (Previously presented) The system according to claim 56, wherein said processor determines if said primary document includes said indicator using syntactic processing.

61. (Previously presented) A document preparation system, comprising:
a storage device;
a set of instructions stored on the storage device; and
a processor to execute said set of instructions to perform a method to identify a secondary document having an un-specified location relative to a primary document, said method comprising:
processing said primary document to locate an un-selected indicator;
identifying a secondary document associated with said located un-selected indicator; and

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attaching said secondary document to said primary document to
encapsulate said secondary document within said primary document.

62. (Previously presented) The system according to claim 61, wherein said secondary document has a filename and a location, wherein said primary document includes at least one word, and wherein said processor determines at least one of said filename and said location of said secondary document as a function of at least one of a user input and said at least one word.

63. (Previously presented) The system according to claim 61, wherein said un-selected indicator includes at least one of a plurality of predetermined words, a plurality of predetermined characters, and a plurality of predetermined phrases.

64. (Previously presented) The system according to claim 61, wherein said processor determines if said primary document includes said indicator using syntactic processing.

65. (Previously presented) A method comprising:
processing said primary document to locate an un-selected indicator, said primary document having a list of at least one address;
identifying an address of said recipient associated with said located un-selected indicator; and

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attaching said address of said recipient to said list of said at least one address to encapsulate said address of said recipient within said primary document.

66. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 65, wherein said unselected indicator includes at least one of a plurality of predetermined words, a plurality of predetermined characters, and a plurality of predetermined phrases.

67. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 65, wherein said primary document includes at least one address corresponding to at least one recipient to receive said primary document, further comprising attaching said address of said recipient to said list of said at least one address.

68. (Previously presented) A document preparation system comprising:

a storage device storing a set of instructions;

a processor executing said set of instructions to identify an unspecified address of a recipient of a primary document, said primary document including a list of at least one address corresponding to at least one recipient to receive said primary document, by:

processing said primary document to locate an un-selected indicator, said primary document having a list of at least one address;

identifying an address of said recipient associated with said located unselected indicator; and

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attaching said address of said recipient to said list of said at least one address to encapsulate said address of said recipient within said primary document.

69. (Previously presented) A method comprising:
processing said primary document to locate an un-selected indicator;
identifying a secondary document associated with said located un-selected indicator; and

automatically encapsulating said secondary document within said primary document upon identifying said secondary document.

70. (Previously presented) The method of claim 69 wherein said identifying said secondary document associated with said located un-selected indicator comprising:

determining a filename of said secondary document; and
determining a location of said secondary document.

71. (Previously presented) The method of claim 69 wherein said identifying said secondary document associated with said located un-selected indicator further comprising:

using syntactic processing of said primary document.

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72. (Previously presented) The method of claim 69 wherein said identifying said secondary document associated with said located un-selected indicator further comprising:

using a user input.

73. (Previously presented) The method of claim 69 wherein said identifying said secondary document associated with said located un-selected indicator further comprising:

using a user selection.

74. (Previously presented) The method of claim 69 wherein said processing said primary document to locate an un-selected indicator comprising:

using syntactic processing of said primary document.

75. (Previously presented) The method of claim 69 wherein said processing said primary document to locate an un-selected indicator comprising:

processing said primary document to locate one of a plurality of pre-determined words.

76. (Previously presented) The method of claim 69 wherein said processing said primary document to locate an un-selected indicator comprising:

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processing said primary document to locate one of a plurality of pre-determined phrases.

77. (Previously presented) The method of claim 69 wherein said processing said primary document to locate an un-selected indicator comprising:

processing said primary document to locate one of a plurality of pre-determined characters.